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Severe weather warnings continue for some.

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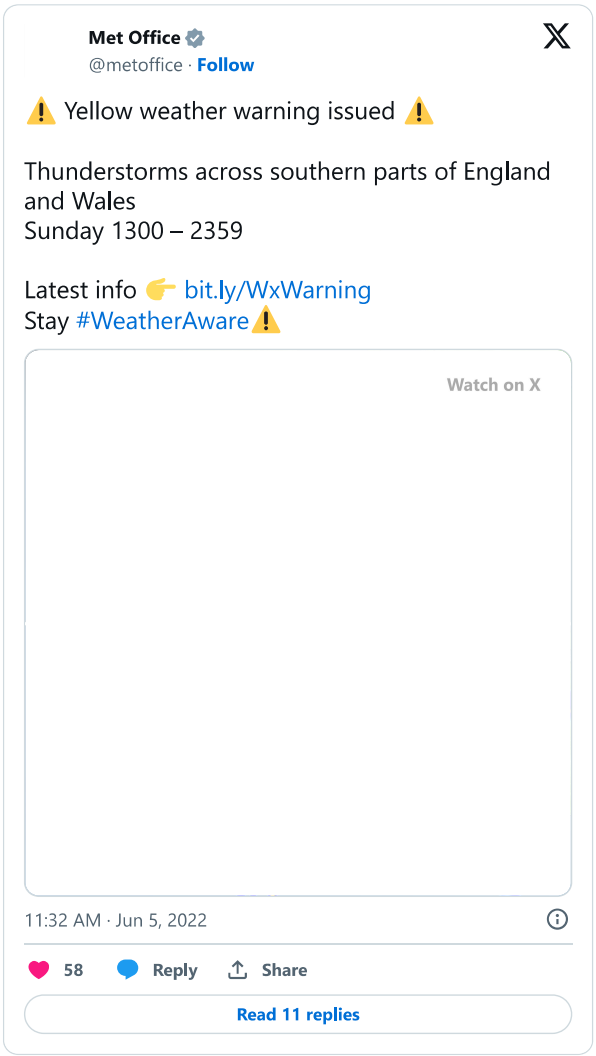
More warnings issued.

The remnants of today's early rain will linger over parts of northern and central England and north Wales this afternoon. Meanwhile, the focus for more impactful weather shifts southwards this afternoon with heavy showers breaking out across southern UK, showers heaviest and most prolonged over south Wales, southwest England and southern parts of the Midlands.

A yellow National Severe Weather Warning for thunderstorms covering the southern half of Wales, the southern Midlands and parts of southwest England is valid from 1pm until late this evening with some travel disruption and localised flooding possible.

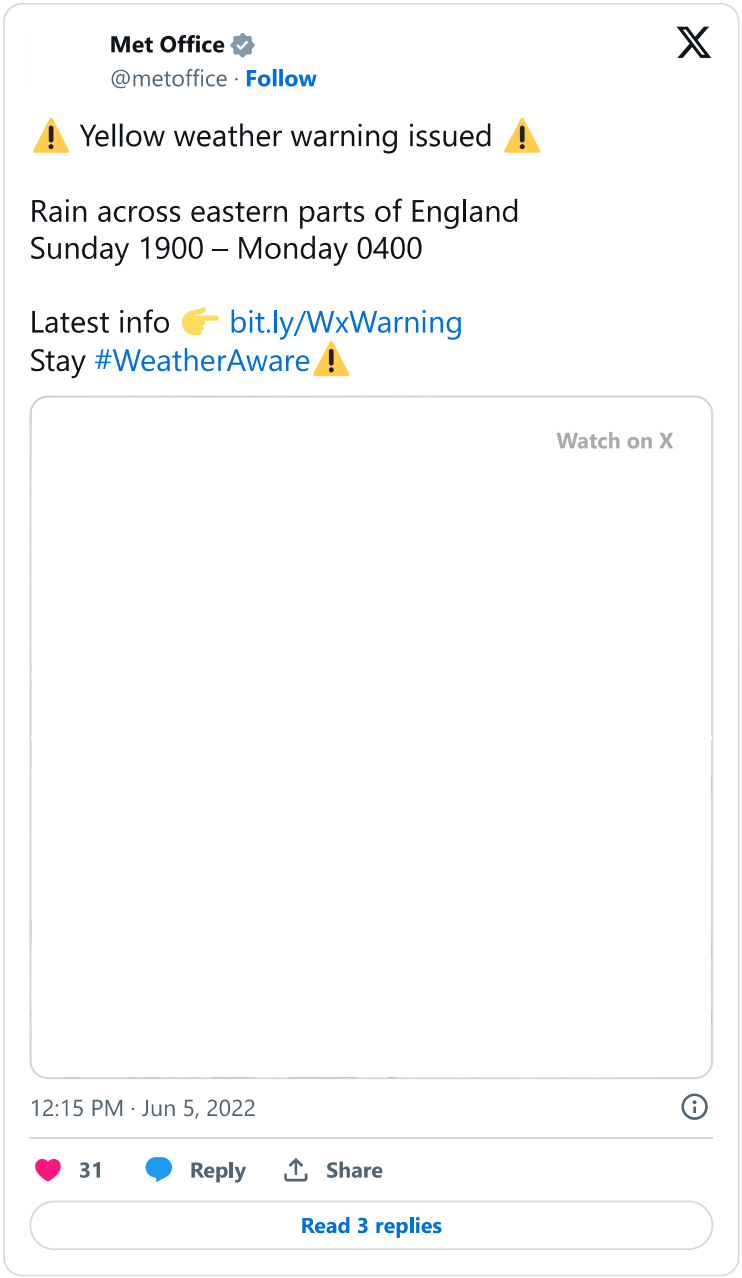


Further north, much of Scotland, Northern Ireland and the far north of England will see another fine, dry, and warm day with temperatures reaching 23C or perhaps 24C or so in some spots in Scotland. Saturday was the warmest day of the year so far in Scotland with 23.2C in Drumnadrochit.

Parts of the far south and southeast of England may also reach 20C or 21C, but where conditions are cloudier today it will be cooler with some places remaining in the low teens Celsius.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist, Dan Suri, said: “In today’s thunderstorm warning area some places could see 15 to 30mm of rain within an hour and perhaps as much as 30 to 40mm in two or three hours before showers and storms slowly ease later this evening. Please keep an eye on the forecast for your area regularly for any updates.”

A further yellow warning for rainfall will come into force at 7pm on Sunday until 4am on Monday morning for some eastern parts of England where a renewed period of heavy rain could bring 15 to 30mm of rain to some places over the course of a few hours. Away from these warnings areas on Sunday evening some other parts of England and Wales will catch some showers or rain at times but further north it will be a fine end to the day for most of Northern Ireland and Scotland.



As we move into a new week, the weather remains changeable with an Atlantic influence returning. Although all regions will see some fine weather at times, bouts of rain or showers will catch many areas at times, and the best of the weather probably shifts from northwest Scotland to south eastern UK.

As the Jubilee weekend comes to a close the roads remain busy, RAC traffic spokesman Rod Dennis said: “The fact the bank holidays coincide with the end of half-term in many places has the potential to put some extra pressure on the road

network, so planning a journey carefully is important to beat the worst of any queues.

“The best way for drivers to avoid breaking down this week is to check over their vehicles before setting out – yet our research shows less than a fifth do this routinely. Making sure oil, coolant and screenwash are all at the right levels takes just minutes, as does ensuring tyres are free of damage and are inflated properly. A bit of TLC now could make the difference between a straightforward trip and one beset by a breakdown.”

Gabbi Batchelor, Water Safety Education Manager at the RNLI said: “We are expecting the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend and the half-term holidays to be incredibly busy at the coast. We want everyone to enjoy their trip, but we also want to make sure people stay safe and know what to do in an emergency.

“If you get into trouble in the water, Float to Live: lean back, using your arms and legs to stay afloat. Control your breathing, then call for help or swim to safety. In a coastal emergency, call 999 or 112 for the Coastguard.”

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